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to the council a letter asking for a recount of the ballots. He gave no legal grounds for demanding the recount, stating only the closeness of the outcome and public interest in the election as reasons for a recount.

Lacking legal cause for a recount the matter was filed as a matter of record. Stepping down voluntarily to make way for the new councilmen were Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey Jr. and Councilman A. L. Jackson.

Jackson had no more than stepped down from the platform when he was drafted to run for the Board of Education on May 25.

Installed in office during the evening's swearing-in proceedings was City Clerk Albert H. Bartlett who took the oath for the eighth consecutive term to begin his 29th year in office.

Sworn-in also was Mrs. Margaret Fordice who was reelected city treasurer at the election on April 11.

Before casting his vote against Haggard for Mayor, Councilman Dale told the crowded council chambers his reasons for his vote.

He said that although in the two years he had served with Haggard on the city council he had found Haggard to be an honest and sincere man and of good character he charged him with being biased and partial. For the latter two reasons he refused to vote for Haggard.

Councilman Powell likewise explained his "No" vote for Haggard. He gave as his reason a conversation which he alleges took place between himself and Haggard a year and a half ago in which Haggard is claimed to have questioned Powell regarding the latter's attitude toward accepting the city managership.

Following the seating of the new council and Councilman Haggard as mayor, Ex-mayor Sherfey and ex-councilman Jackson were saluted for their service to the city during the past four years. Councilman Dale praised Jackson, stating that the ex-councilman more than any one other person was responsible for the city's sound financial condition at the present. He presented Jackson with a globe shaped desk clock.

Sherfey was commended for his leadership ability in maintaining harmony on the council in face of many situations. He was presented a gold plated engraved gavel by Councilman Powell.

## College to Host Business Leaders At Convention

"Leadership in Action" will be the theme of the first state convention of the Future Business Leaders of America, which will be held on the El Camino College campus on Saturday, April 29. The affair is sponsored by the El Camino FBLA chapter 830.

This convention will be the largest, state-wide club activity of the year. It will provide the opportunity for educational participation of young Americans who need and want opportunities to participate in organizations that will prepare them effectively to assume adult responsibilities in adult organizations. The election of the state officers will be held at the meeting. The nominating committee will be composed of three impartial judges outside of the FBLA. Two candidates will be recommended by them for each office.

In addition to the election, there will be a general meeting, a tour of the campus, a gala luncheon in the Camino Cafe, and a speech by the deputy regional director of the U. S. Department of Commerce. An air flight or ground tour will be made at Los Angeles International Airport. Following the flight, there will be a meeting of the state officers.

In addition to FBLA delegates and sponsors, any interested business teachers and business education students are cordially invited to attend the convention as guests.



TAKE OATH . . . Willys G. Blount and Harvey B. Spelman Jr. take oath of office prior to assuming seats on the city council.—Herald Photo.



IT'S ALL OVER . . . Councilman Albert L. Jackson, with "going away" gift tucked under his arm watches while ex-mayor J. Hugh Sherfey Jr. removes his nameplate from council table. Four-year council terms expired for both Tuesday night. Jackson filed yesterday for election to the Torrance Board of Education.—Herald Photo.



IT'S A MAN'S WORLD . . . Ready to "welcome home" their husbands after four years of servitude to the city as councilmen are the wives of Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey Jr. (left) and Councilman Albert L. Jackson. The attendance of the council widows at Tuesday night's meeting, marked the first visit to a city fathers meeting either had made since their husbands donned councilmanic robes 'way back in 1916.—Herald Photo.

## Gardena Court To Celebrate Centennial Year

Gardena Township Justice court will hold open house at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, Judge John A. Shidler, Justice of the Peace for Gardena Township, announced this week.

The open house in the Court was suggested by Supervisor Ray Darby as part of the celebration of 100 years of county service. Darby stated that in April, 1850, the first county elections were held.

Classes interested in Civics and Law in the Redondo, Torrance, and Gardena High schools as well as similar classes at El Camino have been invited to attend the Court next Tuesday. Judge Shidler will explain the jurisdiction and procedures of the county and state courts to these groups.

The Gardena Justice court, which serves the cities of Torrance, Gardena, Redondo, Hermosa, Manhattan, Palos Verdes Estates, and the unincorporated areas of Lomita and Rolling Hills, will also welcome the general public, Judge Shidler said in announcing the open house.

## Report Shows City Growth in Decade

Figures released this week by the County Regional Planning Commission estimate that Torrance has more than doubled its population and number of dwelling units since 1940.

According to figures compiled by commission experts, the population of Torrance is now 21,647 as compared with 9950 in 1940.

Estimates in dwelling units indicated a similar trend when figures released showed 6698 houses now as compared with 3155 in 1940.

Commission officials say they expect their carefully compiled figures to approximate those to be released later this year.

## Complaints of 'Buzzing' Bring Investigation

State Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, has promised a sweeping investigation of Torrance Municipal Airport on Pacific Coast highway following a flood of complaints that low flying aircraft are a menace to nearby Lomita homes.

The San Pedro Democrat, unopposed for re-election from this district, said today that a solution of the problem must be found even if it means bringing a state interim investigating committee to the scene.

In his own probe, the legislator plans to question Torrance city officials and airport operators to determine if the field is a financial success and "a benefit to the community."

However, Thomas said he believes that his complaining constituents are now in favor of abolishing the air strip, although he has received some 250 letters complaining of the "buzzing."

Ed Dietrich, of the firm of Collins and Dietrich, airport operators, said that the U. S. government owns the field and has leased it to Torrance only on the condition that it be maintained as an air field.

Thomas said depending on the outcome of his investigation he may introduce legislation similar to the present state auto law which would require pilots to carry insurance or post a cash bond in case of accident.

**ROYAL VETO POWER**  
British monarchs have the power of absolute veto of legislation, but none has exercised that right since 1708.

on the result of the federal census now under way.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce, however, has a slightly more optimistic set of figures.

Basing an estimate on the number of building permits issued, the Chamber of Commerce sets the population figure at 23,223.

To get the higher figure, the Chamber of Commerce estimated three persons for each dwelling. This is a figure used by many authorities in estimating populations, Chamber of Commerce officials say.

Both agree that the population has more than doubled.

## ... Queens

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Mrs. E. A. Siedel, 1403 West 219th street. She has the support of the Torrance Lions Club as a backer.

The parade will start at 220th street and Cabrillo avenue at 11 a.m. with Andrew Alexander, foreman of construction, transportation, and maintenance at General Petroleum, leading off the parade as Grand Marshal.

According to Mrs. Lee Boswell, more than 26 entries have been lined up for the parade.

Wind-up to this year's campaign to raise funds for a YWCA building will be the coronation of the Queen on May 26 at the Civic Auditorium.

Money for the building fund is raised by the sale of votes by Queen candidates and their sponsors.

Though plans for the parade and contest are pretty well established, there is still time (until midnight April 21) for any girl who can qualify to enter the contest. Any unmarried, girl between 16 and 25 years of age living in Torrance or the Shoestring Strip is eligible to enter, according to Mrs. Marie Richardson, Queen contest chairman.

Each contestant riding in the parade will wear flowers donated by Jimmy Yeltema of the Torrance Flower Shop.

He will also provide flowers for the coronation ball.

Among the many other prizes for the Queen and her court are an Eska \$20 Cold Wave donated by the Vel Art Beauty Salon and a Super Flex Cold Wave valued at \$20 contributed by Emma Roberts. Frank's Furniture Store will also offer a gift.

Among the units participating in the parade are:

National Guard Color Guard, official car of the Junior Woman's Club, Torrance Area Youth Band, Junior Woman's Club float, YWCA Y-Teen float, YWCA Committee float, three Welcome Wagons, an 1889 Dexter auto, the Hancock Clown Rooster, the Torrance Auxiliary Police, Edna Mae Snell—1949 Queen, past Queen's car, Senior Woman's Club car, four cars from the YMCA, Kiwanis Club float, Army and Air Force equipment, the Davis Jeep, Torrance High School Band, display of contest prizes, bicycle clown, and the five cars carrying the Queen candidates.

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